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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.” – Maya Angelou

“The sensitive artist knows that a bitter wind is blowing.” – Herbert Read

“Surely all art is the result of one's having been in danger, of having gone through an experience all the way to the end, where no one can go any further.” – Rainer Maria Rilke

“Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises.” – Samuel Butler

“What we become depends on what we read after all of the professors have finished with us. The greatest university of all is a collection of books.” – Thomas Carlyle

“Democracy is the art and science of running the circus from the monkey cage.” – H. L. Mencken

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Not Ordinary | Jefferson Godard on Sabina Ott](#)  
*Madison Museum of Contemporary Art*  
Through February 15

[Steve Cropper, Legendary Guitarist for Booker T & the MGs, Otis Redding and the Blues Brothers, Dies at 84](#)

*Variety*

Also

[Blues Brothers: Soul Man – SNL](#)

*Saturday Night Live*

[On the Road: A Search for American Character | Part 1](#)

*National Gallery of Art Talks | Anna Deavere Smith*

Also

[This Ghost of Slavery: A Solo Reading | Part 2](#)

*National Gallery of Art Talks | Anna Deavere Smith*

[Let Me Down Easy: On the Vulnerability of Our Bodies / The Resilience of Our Spirits | Part 3](#)

*National Gallery of Art Talks | Anna Deavere Smith*

[Me: Shot Out of a Moving Canon—Black, Female, and the 1970s | Part 4](#)

*National Gallery of Art Talks | Anna Deavere Smith*

[Keeping a Swedish candle tradition alive](#)

*Wisconsin Life*

*Wisconsin artists and arts organizations, do you have video that you'd like us to consider sharing as the Wisconsin Arts News Video of the Day? Send the link to [artsboard@wisconsin.gov](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)!*

## TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

### FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

**NEW** [Deep Revenue Losses Concentrate Among Large Organizations, Others See Slowing Growth](#)

*SMU DataArts*

**NEW** [The 25 Defining Art Events of 2025](#)

*ARTnews*

**NEW** [Gov. Evers, PSC Announce Applications Open for Nonprofit Access Grant Program](#)  
*Office of Governor Evers*

**Deadline: February 2**

**NEW** [Spotlighting Wisconsin - Stoughton Opera House Friends Association](#)

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

Also

**NEW** [A resonating Stoughton success: Opera House brings in more than \\$3.2 million to area](#)

*The Stoughton Courier Hub*

[Why Are We Drawn to Art?](#)

*Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today*

[2026 Co-op](#)

*Travel Wisconsin*

**Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis**

Also

[2026 Co-op Sell Sheets](#)

*Travel Wisconsin*

**Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis**

[Why creativity is the most employable skill of the next decade—and how to inspire it](#)

*Fast Company Executive Board*

[2025-2027 Wisconsin Poet Laureate Project](#)

*Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission*

NEA + NEH + IMLS + NPR, PBS, CPB Updates may be found [HERE](#).

[Arts Board Panelist Open Call](#)

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

[Opportunity Attraction Fund](#)

*Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC*

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)

*Open Door Arts*

**NEW** [NCN Articles of Interest | November 21, 2025](#)

*National Creativity Network*

## **Job Opportunities**

**NEW** [Technology Support Specialist \(Full-Time\)](#)

*MIAD*

**Application Review Begins December 15; Until Filled**

**NEW** [Artistic Director](#)

*Renaissance Theaterworks, Avra Search Partners*

**Deadline: January 9**

**NEW Art & Design History Faculty (Full-Time)**

*MIAD*

**Application Review Begins January 12; Until Filled**

**NEW Development Director**

*Milwaukee Chamber Theatre*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**Communication & Engagement Coordinator**

*Milwaukee Ballet*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**Director of Development - Peninsula School of Art**

*Spano | Pratt*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**Technical Director - Performing Arts & Education Center (PAEC)**

*Oak Creek Performing Arts & Education Center | WI Education Career Access Network*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**Education Program Facilitator**

*Racine Art Museum*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**Registrar Assistant (Temporary 8 - 12 Months)**

*Racine Art Museum*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**Arts and Culture Reporter | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

*Dayforce Jobs*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**President | Goodman Community Center**

*Spano | Pratt*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**Chief Curator**

*Haggerty Museum of Art | Marquette University*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**Media Relations and Marketing Manager**

*UCC/Latino Arts*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

For more Job Opportunities, click [HERE](#).

**Deadlines | Resources | Events**

[NEW DNR Merch Makes Holiday Shopping Easy](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee, WI Department of Natural Resources*  
**Through December 7 | Free Shipping**

[America's Invitation | Share Your Story](#)  
*America 250*  
**Deadline: Before July 4, 2026**

[We're Back with Another Capacity Building Webinar Series](#)  
*Creative West*  
**Through September 8, 2026**

[35th Anniversary Conference | Building Our Future Together](#)  
*Artist Communities Alliance*  
**December 8 – 11 | Santa Fe, NM**

[Create Wisconsin Announces the Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program with support from the Ruth Foundation for the Arts](#)  
*Create Wisconsin*  
**December 15 | Application and Submission Materials Available**  
**February 16 | Application Deadline**

[APAP Conference](#)  
*Association of Performing Arts Professionals*  
**January 9 – 13 | New York City**

[Nationwide Grant Opportunity to Support Arts Projects for Military-Connected Individuals](#)  
*Mid-America Arts Alliance*  
**Deadline: January 15**

[National Endowment for the Arts Big Read](#)  
*Arts Midwest*  
**January 15 | Intent to Apply**  
**January 29 | Application Deadline**

[FY2027 Creative Communities Grant Program and America250 Grant Program Now Open](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*  
**February 11 | Intent to Apply Deadline**  
**February 18 | Application Deadline**

[USArtists International](#)  
*Mid Atlantic Arts*  
**Deadline: February 25**

[2026 National Conference](#)  
*American String Teachers Association*  
**February 25 - 28 | San Francisco, CA**

[2026 Legislative Conference](#)  
National PTA  
**March 2 - 4 | Alexandria, VA**

[Brick by Brick | WIGCOT 2026](#)  
*Travel Wisconsin*  
**March 15 – 17 | Milwaukee**

**NEW** [Super Early Bird Registration is Now Open!](#)  
*American Alliance of Museums*  
**Through January 16 | Super Early Bird Registration**  
**May 20 - 23 | Philadelphia**

[Online Workshops and Conversations](#)  
*Creative Capital*  
**Various**

[Webinars](#)  
*Performing Arts Readiness*  
**Various**

[Springboard for the Arts Calendar of Events](#)  
*Springboard for the Arts*  
**Various**

[Upcoming Events](#)  
*Access/VSA International Network*  
**Various**

## **IN THE NEWS**

### **Visual Arts/Museums**

[The Portrait of a Lady . . .](#)  
*Woodson Wanderings | Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum*

[Public Museum Would Be Demolished For Major Development](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*

[Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program invites applications from visual artists](#)  
*Philanthropy News Digest*  
**December 15 | Applications Available**  
**January 15 | Application Deadline**

### **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[State Literacy Report Says 36% of Youngest Students 'At Risk'](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Examiner*

[Oregon's Black earns honors at national audition](#)  
*The Oregon Observer*

[Sculpting Sound: Alison C. Rollins on Silence, Afrofuturism, and Writing Poems Across Time](#)  
*Literary Hub*

[Prizewinning Nigerian poet once again chooses Madison](#)  
*UW-Madison Division of the Arts*

[Dong Gong of Vector Architects awarded 2025 Marcus Prize by University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee](#)  
*Bustler*

[Designing Restorative Spaces for Everyone](#)  
*UW-Madison Division of the Arts*

## **Arts and Healthcare**

[Strength in Numbers: Large Study Suggests Role for Music in Preventing Dementia](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts*

[Medical Sciences Orchestra at University of Wisconsin-Madison Finds the Art in Science Symphony | League of American Orchestras](#)

## **Community Arts**

[Bronzeville Center taps national arts leader as its new executive](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Also

[The Bronzeville Center for the Arts Appoints Distinguished Arts Advocate Ra Joy as Next Executive Director](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*

[Gov. Evers Appoints New Head of Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio*

[Somali residents in Wisconsin uneasy following Trump comments, federal raids](#)  
*Wisconsin Public Radio*

## **Folk Arts/Folklife**

[Croatian government designates four projects of strategic importance abroad](#)  
*Croatia Week*

## Literary Arts/Libraries

[Two library branches in La Crosse could reduce hours for cost savings](#)  
*WIZM*

[The Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant Announces 2025 Grantees](#)  
*Creative Capital for Artists*

[Poems of Hope and Resilience - The words of others can help to lift us up.](#)  
*Collection | Poetry Foundation*

## Media Arts

[The 8 most Door County lines in 'A Cherry Pie Christmas'](#)  
*Green Bay Press-Gazette*

[What Hugh Jackman did before heading to Milwaukee for 'Song Sung Blue' hometown premiere](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Also  
[Hugh Jackman has arrived in Milwaukee and is wearing a Cheesehead: 'Never taking cheese off my head again'](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Hugh Jackman sang 'Sweet Caroline' at Landmark Lanes in Milwaukee](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Hugh Jackman has fun with Charlie Berens at Kegel's Inn](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Waukesha County fans give Hugh Jackman warm Wisconsin welcome at 'Song Sung Blue' premiere](#)  
*TMJ4 Milwaukee*

## Performing Arts

### Dance

[Toni Pierce-Sands, Minnesota dance 'titan,' dies at 63](#)  
*The Minnesota Star Tribune*

### Music

[Lang Lang again tops this week's Top 10](#)  
*The Well-Tempered Ear*

### Presenting

John Philip Sousa's band played 'Two Golden Jubilee Concerts' at Capitol Theatre in 1928

*Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*

## WHEN YOU GO

For more event listings, please go to the new Wisconsin Events page on TravelWisconsin.com: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/events>.

### Visual Arts/Museums

At Madison art museum, winter picnic domes pop up on the rooftop

*The Capital Times*

**January through March**

Madison Public Library caps 150 years with a literary art exhibit

*The Capital Times*

**December 5, 6**

### Arts and Creativity in Education

Senior Art Exhibition "Yours Truly"

*The Racquet Press | UW-La Crosse*

**Through December 14**

UWS art show commemorates end of Vietnam War

*Superior Telegram*

**Through February 17**

MIAD Holiday Sale

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**December 4 – 6**

Kids in the Rotunda | Stuart Stotts

*Overture Center for the Arts*

**December 6**

Two chances to find rest at UWS holiday concert

*The Lift | WDIO*

**December 7, 9**

### Community Arts

What to do in Madison this weekend: Holiday Express, Margaret Cho and more Isthmus Picks

*Isthmus*

**December 4 – 7**

[18 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Dec. 4-7](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**December 4 – 7**

[16 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

**This Weekend**

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: Crafts, critters and the Candlelight Stroll](#)

*Hudson Star-Observer*

**This Weekend**

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Book Signing by TK Sheffield, author, The Valentine Lines, a magical, clean romcom set in](#)

Wisconsin

*Watertown Daily Times*

**February 14**

## **Media Arts**

[PBS Wisconsin Online Auction June 1-10, 2026](#)

*PBS Wisconsin*

**June 1 – 10**

## **Performing Arts**

### **Dance**

[Milwaukee Ballet's Newest 'Nutcracker' Star Is a Former Student](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**December 6 – 26**

### **Music**

[Prometheus Trio Goes Bohemian](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**December 8**

[Feel 'The Magic of Christmas' With C.V. Symphony Orchestra](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

**December 13**

### **Presenting**

[Country Thunder Wisconsin confirms powerhouse 2026 lineup](#)

*The Music Universe*

**July 16 – 19**

## OPPORTUNITIES

### NEW Residency Opportunities | December + January

*Artist Communities Alliance*

**Various**

### Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant

*St. Croix Valley Foundation*

**Deadline: Rolling**

### Boost Your Art Career With SVA Continuing Education Courses, Workshops, and Residencies

*Colossal*

**Various**

### Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund

*The Lynden Sculpture Garden and Greater Milwaukee Foundation*

**Deadline: Until Funds Are Exhausted for This Cycle**

### The Creative Collab | Bronzeville Artist-In-Residency Mentor Program

*Copywrite Magazine*

**Deadline: Rolling**

### Public Art Conservation Fund Application and Guidelines

*City of Milwaukee Arts Board*

**Deadline: Rolling, as long as funds remain, in order they are received.**

### America's Invitation | Share Your Story

*America 250*

**Deadline: Before July 4, 2026**

### Springboard for the Arts Calendar of Events

*Springboard for the Arts*

**Various**

### Are you raising impact capital for the creative economy?

*UpStart Co-Lab*

**Deadline: Open**

### RJE Sprout Fund Invites Proposals From Artists Working With Underserved Communities

*PND by Candid*

**Deadline: Rolling**

### Call for Artwork

*Northeast Wisconsin Technical College*

**Monthly Review**

Shubert Foundation invites applications from nonprofit theaters

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 4**

Site-Specific Installation for PEEPS® Brand Art Exhibition 2026

*Racine Art Museum*

**Deadline: December 5**

Call For Proposals | 2026 SNAAP Research Fellowships

*Strategic National Arts Alumni Project*

**Deadline: December 8**

Create Wisconsin Announces the Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program with support from the Ruth Foundation for the Arts

*Create Wisconsin*

**December 15 | Application and Submission Materials Available**

**February 16 | Application Deadline**

Fine Arts Work Center invites applications for writing fellowships

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 15**

Artist Submissions Open

*Carnelian Art Gallery*

**Deadlines: December 15**

**NEW** Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program invites applications from visual artists

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**December 15 | Applications Available**

**January 15 | Application Deadline**

PBS Wisconsin offering \$500 grants for community conversations on American democracy

*Merrill Foto News*

**Deadline: Apply through December 17**

It's Time to Vote! Milwaukee Election Commission and Milwaukee Public Schools Announce Finalists for the "I Voted Early" Sticker Design Contest

*Urban Milwaukee*

**Voting ends December 17 (for Milwaukee residents)**

United for Libraries and Penguin Random House Grants to U.S. Rural and Small Libraries

*United for Libraries | American Library Association*

**Applications Open from December 17 - January 21**

Literary Arts Fund invites applications from literary arts nonprofits

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 19**

[Submissions for Up-and-Coming Artists Now Open to Perform during Summerfest 2026](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**Deadline: December 21**

[Arts for All Roadtrip](#)

*Roadtrip Nation*

**Deadline: December 21**

[Bobby Anspach Studios Foundation invites applications for inaugural grants program](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 30**

[Classics for Kids Foundation invites applications from K-12 music programs](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 31**

[Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries invites applications from schools around the country](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 31**

[Indian Arts Research Center invites applications for artist-in-residence fellowships](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Virginia Center for the Creative Arts invites applications for fellowships](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Wisconsin public school districts encouraged to apply for Fab Labs Grants](#)

*WEDC*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Nationwide Grant Opportunity to Support Arts Projects for Military-Connected Individuals](#)

*Mid-America Arts Alliance*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Gottlieb Foundation invites applications from mature artists](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Les Paul Foundation invites applications for music programs](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

[National Endowment for the Arts Big Read](#)

*Arts Midwest*

**January 15 | Intent to Apply**  
**January 29 | Application Deadline**

2026 Aviation Art Contest - "Fly to Save Lives"  
*Wisconsin Department of Transportation*  
**Deadline: January 16, 2026**

RAM Artist Fellowships and Emerging Artist Award  
*Racine Art Museum*  
**Deadline: January 23**

2026 North American Competition & Festival  
*PianoArts*  
**Deadline: January 26**

Applying for Shakespeare in American Communities: Schools  
*Arts Midwest*  
**January 29 | Intent to Apply (Mandatory)**  
**February 12 | Application Deadline**

Applying For Shakespeare In American Communities: Juvenile Justice  
*Arts Midwest*  
**January 29 | Intent to Apply (Mandatory)**  
**February 12 | Application Deadline**

Best Communities for Music Education Award  
*NAMM Foundation*  
**Deadline: January 31**

Artist Applications Open For 52nd Annual Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts  
*Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts, ZAPP*  
**Deadline: January 31**

Also

Applications open for 52nd annual Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts  
*Point/Plover Metro Wire*  
**Deadline: January 31**

**NEW** Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students  
*National Alliance for Musical Theater | National Endowment for the Arts*  
**February 2 | Draft 1 Submission Deadline**

Creative Power  
*ARTS for ALL Wisconsin*  
**Call for Art submission deadline: February 14**

USArtists International  
*Mid Atlantic Arts*  
**Deadline: February 25**

Get ready for a re-imagined fan-favorite exhibition  
*Racine Art Museum*  
**March 13, 14 | Drop-Off Submissions**  
**No earlier than March 9 and no later than March 13 | Shipped Submissions**

Open Call for Artists | In a State of IF  
*The Art of Infertility*  
**Submission Deadline: March 15**

Beyond Words: the Dollar General School Library Relief Fund  
*Awards & Grants | American Library Association*  
**Deadline: None. Monthly Review**

Open Grant Solicitations  
*Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs | US Department of State*  
**Various**

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